



NATIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND MORTICIAN RECOGNITION DAY

National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day on March 11 reminds us to thank the professionals who thoughtfully consider every need during the most difficult time in a family's life.

Funeral directors and morticians dedicate their lives to helping families and loved ones celebrate the memories and accomplishments of someone they've lost to death. They help them with every step of planning a funeral. While the news settles in among family and friends, these experts understand how emotional and stressful the process may be.

The combination of compassion and excellent organizational skills make funeral directors the perfect people to bring together numerous people on short notice. The more the better to celebrate someone we loved dearly. People who lose a loved one share a lifetime of memories, so being a good listener is another quality that funeral directors have in spades.

They work hard to attain their skills, too. Both morticians and funeral directors study mortuary science attaining at least an associate degree or higher. Their degree is followed by a 1-3 year apprenticeship. Funeral directors must be licensed.

Beyond their training, it's how funeral directors make those who are bereaved feel that matter the most. They act as guides and help to fulfill the wishes of our loved ones. When the pain and suffering are over, the mortician and funeral director provide a sense of peace and unity at a time that can seem chaotic even at its best.

HOW TO OBSERVE

If you've ever needed the assistance of a funeral director or witness the work of a mortician, take time to thank them for their time and consideration. Use #FuneralDirectorMorticianAppreciation to share on social media.

HISTORY

In 2008, Congress passed a resolution designating March 11 as National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day.